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cementing

1. vb. [Drilling]

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To prepare and pump cement into place in a wellbore. Cementing operations may be undertaken to seal the annulus after a casing string has been run, to seal a lost circulation zone, to set a plug in an existing well from which to push off with directional tools or to plug a well so that it may be abandoned. Before cementing operations commence, engineers determine the volume of cement (commonly with the help of a caliper log) to be placed in the wellbore and the physical properties of both the slurry and the set cement needed, including density and viscosity. A cementing crew uses special mixers and pumps to displace drilling fluids and place cement in the wellbore.

See: bottomhole circulating temperature, bow-spring centralizer, casing point, cement head, centralizer, check valve, day rate, drilling fluid, float joint, free water, openhole, plug and abandon, reciprocate, scratcher, surface casing, lumkey, wait on cement



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Photograph of onshore location and cementing equipment